

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 901

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ashley Long on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Long of Hamblen County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long serves at the Hamblen County area Ministerial Association Temporary Shelter, where she helps individuals with daily tasks and financial skills; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Long is also a mentor for new CAC AmeriCorps members, organizing meetings with the group once a month and regularly checking in with them; and

WHEREAS, for several years, Ms. Long has volunteered with the nonprofit Office of Letters and Light that runs National Novel Writing Month, for which she serves as a community organizer in the Tennessee Elsewhere region; she sends out weekly pep talks, helps to run a chat room, plans events, and works on sending mailers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this service, Ashley Long also volunteers as a musical instrument teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Ashley Long for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.